



Welcome to the January 2025 edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

January 2025 Club Meeting - Tuesday night January 7th, Stratford Town Center

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. Our next monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, January 7th, at 7:00 P.M. With it being the first meeting of the year, we'll also be holding our annual general meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2024 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Before the Christmas break, we learned about making physically short 80m/40m inverted V antennas.

Winter Field Day - January 25th 1600 UTC to January 26th 2159 UTC

Charlottetown-area amateurs are invited to participate as a group. Plans are to possibly hold the Field Day this year at the Ardgowan House property, off Mt. Edward Road in Charlottetown. Contact Ricardo VY2AN for the latest plans. Visit <http://www.winterfieldday.com/> for rules and other information.

Canadian Online CW Course?

Brent VY2HF reports that RAC is currently firming up plans to host a CW course that will be delivered online by an experienced SW trainer and member of the Straight Key Century Club. Maple Leaf Operator members of RAC will be able to take the course as part of their

membership, while non-members will be asked to make a donation through RAC to support youth in amateur radio. More details to come!

ARRL Kids Day - January 4th from 1800 UTC - 2359 UTC (1400 to 1959 Atlantic Time).

Kids Day is designed to give on-the-air experience to young people, to foster interest in getting a license of their own, and give older hams a chance to share their stations and love for amateur radio with their children. You can share the excitement with your own kids, grandkids, a Scout troop, cadets, a church, or the general public! There will be a second ARRL Kids Day on June 21, 2025. More information, including frequencies, suggested exchanges, and how to download a certificate, can be found at [Kids Day](#).

ARISS SSTV Event - Now until January 5th

The International Space Station is transmitting Slow-Scan Television signals to the Earth, and these signals may include up to four different Canada-specific frames from ARISS Canada and RAC. To listen to the SSTV signals tune to 145.800 (FM) during passes over PEI. To decode the signals you can play the audio from your radio directly into your mobile phone using a program like Robot36 (Android) or SSTV for iPhone, and the image will display on the phone's screen.



RTTY Roundup - January 4th-5th

This contest involves amateurs worldwide contacting and exchanging QSO information with other amateurs using only the Radioteletype (RTTY) mode on the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. It is to take place the weekend of January 4th to 5th, 2024, starting at 2:00 p.m. (1400) AT (1800 UTC) on Saturday. It finishes at 7:59 p.m. (1959) AT (2359 UTC) on Sunday. For more information, please visit: <https://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup>.

North American QSO Party (CW/SSB)- January 11th-12th (CW) and Jan 18th-19th (SSB)

These two contests are open to all licensed amateur radio operators with the purpose of working as many North American stations as possible. The NAQPs are low power only (no amplifiers allowed). The CW QSO Party is scheduled to take place from Saturday, January 11th, at 2:00 p.m. (1400) AT (1800 UTC) until Sunday, January 12th, at 1:59 a.m. (0159) AT (0559 UTC). The SSB QSO Party will run from Saturday, January 18th, at 2:00 p.m. (1400) AT (1800

UTC) until Sunday, January 19th, at 1:59 a.m. (0159) AT (0559 UTC). Check this link for more information: <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

ARRL January VHF Contest - January 18th 1900 UTC to 20th 0359 UTC

This contest is for amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. It is to take place the weekend of January 18th to 20th, 2025, starting at 3:00 p.m. (1500) AT (1900 UTC) on Saturday. It finishes at 11:59 p.m. (2359) AT on Sunday (0359 UTC Monday). For more information, please see:

<http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

Meetings and Events Calendar - January

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 7:00 P.M. (1900)
4, 11, 18, 25: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
4-5: RTTY Roundup
6: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)
7: Monthly club meeting
11-12: North American CW QSO Party
18-19: North American SSB QSO Party
18-20: ARRL January VHF Contest
25-26: Winter Field Day

Future Events

Feb 7-9 2025: [Orlando Hamcation](#)

May 2-3 2025: [NEAR-Fest](#)

May 16-18 2025: [Dayton Hamvention](#) - This year's theme is Radio Independence

June 28-29 2025: [Field Day](#)

September 6 2025: [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2025 Hamfest](#) and potential RAC AGM

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